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## WHEAT ACREAGE GREATEST EVER

CONDITION POOREST IN ENTIRE  
HISTORY OF THE COUN-  
TRY.

## RYE PROSPECTS GOOD

Billion Bushels of Grain Planned For  
Allied Countries Get Hard  
Job.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Govern-  
ment plans for a billion-bushel wheat  
crop next year to help the United  
States feed its allies have received  
a setback. It was disclosed today  
by the December crop report of the  
Department of Agriculture that while  
winter wheat was planted on the  
largest acreage ever sown to that  
cereal its condition on December 1  
was the lowest on record for that  
date.

A winter crop of 540,000,000 bush-  
els was forecast by the Bureau of  
Crop Estimates. The actual produc-  
tion will be greater or less than that  
quantity according as conditions here-  
after are better or worse than aver-  
age. Through a great spring crop it  
still is hoped to bring the year's total  
to somewhere near the billion mark.

### Mark Set by Government.

An area of more than 47,000,000  
acres was the mark set by the Gov-  
ernment for farmers to plant to win-  
ter wheat this fall, but the Decem-  
ber canvass shows that 42,170,000  
acres were sown. The farmers did  
their best, Department of Agricul-  
ture officials say, but conditions were  
against them. The very dry weather  
in most of the winter wheat belt was  
a large drawback, while late harvest  
of other crops and shortage of farm  
help were contributing causes for the  
failure.

Should the winter wheat crop mat-  
ure to 540,000,000 bushels as fore-  
cast to-day it would be the third  
largest of record, being exceeded only  
by the crops of 1914 and 1915.  
Government officials had figured on  
having winter wheat production reach  
672,000,000 bushels, but to-day's  
forecast indicates that it will fall  
132,000,000 bushels short of that  
figure. Indications are that rye pro-  
duction will be 25,000,000 bushels  
larger than last year's record crop.

### Planning Larger Acreage.

Already steps are being taken for  
a large increase in the acreage of  
the spring wheat crop to be planted  
next spring. Council of National De-  
fense and Department of Agriculture  
officials have conferred and will adopt  
measures to insure an adequate labor  
supply for planting operations, ample  
supplies of seed wheat and help for  
harvesting. The largest spring wheat  
crop heretofore was in 1915,  
when 351,354,000 bushels were har-  
vested from 19,161,000 acres.

## HEAVY FIRE IS Poured INTO AIR RAIDERS

London, Dec. 13.—German aero-  
planes raided English coast towns to-  
night. Some of the raiders reached  
London, where they were met with a  
heavy fire. Numerous bombs were  
dropped.

An official announcement of the  
raid says:

"Hostile aeroplanes crossed the Es-  
sex and Kent coast about 6:15 o'clock  
and proceeded toward London. Some  
of the raiders reached the London dis-  
trict and dropped bombs. Bombs also  
were dropped in Kent and Essex.

"Reports of casualties and damage  
have not yet been received. Our  
guns and aeroplanes were both in ac-  
tion."

## TEST VOTE WON BY SUFFRAGE WORKERS

Washington, Dec. 18.—Vote in  
the House on the woman suffrage  
constitutional amendment Thursday,  
January 10, was assured today when  
the rules committee agreed on that  
date.

On a test vote today, indicating  
sentiment in the House toward the  
woman suffrage constitutional amend-  
ment, the suffragists polled seven  
more than a two-thirds vote. The  
question was on referring suffrage  
resolutions to the new woman suf-

frage committee, as the suffragists  
wished, instead of the elections com-  
mittee, as the anti-suffragists asked.

An effort was made by Representa-  
tive Kitchen today to increase the  
number of members of the House  
Woman Suffrage Committee by one  
to provide a place for Representative  
London, New York, Socialist. It was  
blocked by an objection.

### WHO OWNS THE MULES

Several head of mules are in the  
hands of the Sheriff here, the owner-  
ship of which seems to be involved  
in some obscurity. Charlie Turner  
came here the first of the week and  
bought a number of mules which  
were subsequently levied on to satisfy  
a judgment of court in favor of  
Andy Alford, of Rosine, for about  
\$700. Turner had given his personal  
check in payment for the mules  
and when four of them were taken in  
charge by the officer he called upon the  
Owensboro bank, upon which the  
checks had been drawn, and ordered  
the bank not to pay the checks. Turner  
claims he was buying the mules for  
another party and that he was  
checking against the other man's  
money, and that the money was not  
subject to his own liabilities. In the  
meantime the former owners of the  
mules have neither money nor  
mules, and scarcely know where they  
are at. The courts will be called upon  
to find owners for the orphan  
mules, as well as money for the mule-  
less men.

### A HOME GIRL HONORED

Miss Annie Laurie Allen, formerly  
of this city, has been designated Pub-  
lic Service Nurse for the city of  
Frankfort. Miss Allen graduated at  
the Henderson Hospital several years  
ago, and later went to Frankfort,  
where she was associated for several  
years with the Kings Daughters  
Hospital. Later she adopted private  
work, and her services were in con-  
stant demand with the best people of  
the Capital city, until she was recent-  
ly asked by the city authorities to ac-  
cept the very responsible position of  
taking supervision of the city work.  
Miss Allen is a lady of superior in-  
telligence and lofty notions of man's  
duty to man, and richly deserves the  
honor that comes to her in her adopt-  
ed city.

### CELEBRATING HIS BIRTHDAY.

Floyd Elmore, a Butler county  
youth who was on a visit to his sis-  
ter, Mrs. Bradley at Beaver Dam,  
was a victim of mistaken identity as  
well as of a couple of pistols, while  
celebrating his sixteenth birthday  
Tuesday. Sheriff Keown had a writ  
for a young man whose face was not  
familiar to him, and while on the  
lookout for his man, young Elmore  
was pointed out to him as possibly  
the man wanted. The Sheriff after  
taking the young man in tow found  
that he was not the youth wanted,  
but upon searching him found a  
couple of big guns on the boy, which  
made him a man if not the man want-  
ed, and brought him before Judge  
Wilson. The judge was inclined to  
the opinion that two pistols were en-  
tirely too many for a youth of his  
age to carry, and fined him fifty dol-  
lars and the trimmings. Papa El-  
more arrived upon the scene at an  
opportune time, paid the fine and  
took the boy home. We understand  
the Elmore are excellent people and  
that the boy's load of shooting irons  
was a matter of youthful folly, rather  
than of any inclination to maim and  
mutilate his fellow citizens.

### OFFICIALS QUALIFY.

Jailer Worth Tichenor, Sheriff S.  
A. Bratcher, County Judge Mack  
Cook and Superintendent E. S. How-  
ard have filed their bonds with the  
County Court, and have taken the  
oath of office, preparatory to enter-  
ing upon their official duties the first  
Monday in January. An officer elect  
may file his bond and take the qual-  
ifying oath of office at any time after  
receiving his certificate of election.

### HELP THE LADIES.

The ladies of the Christian church  
will hold their annual exchange at  
Williams' Drug Store to-day. Many  
attractive and useful articles will be  
on display, and Christmas present  
hunters will find many things to in-  
terest them. It will be given as a  
church benefit and should have a lib-  
eral patronage.

## ENEMIES OF RUSSIA



Two of a Kind.

### ASSESSMENT BUNGLED

The Property in Only a Few Precincts  
Has been Assessed for Taxation  
For 1918 Tax Lists.

We are informed that less than  
one-fourth of the county has so far  
been assessed, and as only a few days  
remain in which the work can be  
done it is apparent now that the As-  
sessor can not complete the work in  
the time prescribed by law, which is  
January 1st. We are not advised  
just how the trouble can be remedied.  
If an individual fails to list his prop-  
erty with the assessor the law pro-  
vides he shall go before the County  
Court Clerk and make out his list,  
and we presume the number of tax-  
payers would in no way change the  
manner of assessing those omitted  
if this condition is true then several  
thousand taxpayers may have to go  
to the trouble and expense of going  
before the clerk and making out their  
tax lists.

We understand the Assessor's fail-  
ure to get the assessment made is  
due to the fact that he could not em-  
ploy deputies to do the work. The  
new assessment schedule, which in-  
volves the labor of asking the prop-  
erty owner to answer more than a  
thousand questions, is so perplexing  
to both the deputy and the taxpayer  
that men declined to accept the  
work for the remuneration the As-  
sessor could afford to pay. The As-  
sessor, Mr. Charlie Hines, is under bond  
with a Guaranty Co., to faithfully  
perform the duties of his office, but  
as Hines is a poor man with only one  
leg, the public will be inclined to  
sympathize with him, and lay the  
chief blame for the trouble on the  
Legislature that passed the crazy as-  
sessment law.

### "DRY" BILL WILL BE PUT UP TO STATES

Washington, Dec. 18.—The consti-  
tutional amendment for national pro-  
hibition was today finally submitted  
by Congress to the states, for ratifi-  
cation or rejection within seven  
years. The Senate completed con-  
gressional action by accepting the  
resolution as passed yesterday by the  
House, 47 to 8, without a rollcall.

Immediately after the Senate con-  
venced, Senator Sheppard, of Texas,  
called up the national prohibition  
amendment and moved that the Sen-  
ate concur in the House amendments.  
Vice President Marshall ruled that a  
two-thirds vote would be required for  
concurrence.

### FISH BY HYDRANT.

When Commonwealth's Attorney  
Claude Smith arrived home for din-  
ner last Friday the good wife who  
presides over his domestic affairs  
called his attention to a school of  
real live little fishes in the kitchen  
sink, which had arrived by the way  
of the hydrant. Mr. Smith cautioned  
his wife to say nothing about the  
incident lest water Baron Barraas  
put in an extra charge for the fish.

### STATE OF SIEGE ON PETROGRAD PROCLAIMED

Petrograd, Dec. 19.—The Execu-  
tive Council of Workmen's and Sol-  
diers' Deputies has proclaimed a  
state of siege in Petrograd in an ef-  
fort to repress disorders due to the  
looting of wine cellars and shops.

### LOCAL BOARD BUSY

Mailing Out Questionnaires to The  
Two Thousand Men Drafted For  
Army Service.

The Local Exemption Board began  
Saturday mailing questionnaires to  
the men recently drafted for army  
service. The answers of the men to  
this list of questions will classify  
them for their order of call to ser-  
vice. It will require about twenty  
days to mail out the entire list. The  
form must be filled out and returned  
to the board within seven days of the  
date it was mailed out. The filling  
out of this form does not necessari-  
ly require the service of a lawyer.  
Anyone acquainted with legal forms  
may do it. No postage is required  
for mailing the form back to the  
board.

All men, including those formerly  
exempted for any cause, will be re-  
quired to fill out this form.

The War Department has decided  
to divide the men into five classes,  
and the men will be called to service  
when needed according to the or-  
der in which they are classified.

CLASS ONE—Single men without  
dependents. Married men who have  
failed to support their families. Mar-  
ried men dependent on wife for sup-  
port. Married men, family support-  
ed by independent income. Unskilled  
farm laborer. Unskilled indus-  
trial laborer. Registrant who has  
claimed no deferred classification.  
Registrant who fails to submit ques-  
tionnaire. All registrants not in-  
cluded in other divisions.

CLASS TWO—Married man with  
children or dependent. Men who  
are not mainly depen-  
dent for support, whose  
income available and the  
registrant will not  
dependents of support.  
Without children whose  
earn her support. Necessary skill-  
ed farm laborer in necessary agricul-  
tural enterprise. Necessary skilled  
laborer in necessary industrial enter-  
prise.

CLASS THREE—Man standing in  
relation of parent to children not his  
own. Man with dependent helpless  
brothers or sisters. County or mun-  
icipal officers. Highly trained police-  
men or firemen, 3 years in service of  
municipality. Necessary employees  
of U. S. mail service. Necessary em-  
ployes of United States. Necessary  
assistant, associate, or hired manager  
of necessary agricultural enterprise.

CLASS FOUR—Man whose wife or  
children are mainly dependent on his  
labor for support. Necessary sole  
managing, controlling or directing  
head of necessary agricultural enter-  
prise. Man bearing similar relation  
to industrial enterprise.

CLASS FIVE—Officers of the United  
States Government. Regular or  
inducted ministers. Students who on  
May 15, 1917, were preparing for the  
ministry in recognized school. Persons  
in military or naval service. Persons  
totally and permanently  
physically or mentally unfit for mili-  
tary service. Persons morally unfit  
to be a soldier.

### JAMES I. MORTON DEAD.

James I. Morton, a well known citi-  
zen of the Fordsville community,  
died at his home Tuesday night. Mr.  
Morton was about seventy years old,

and had been sick for some time be-  
fore his death. We were unable to  
get information of the funeral ar-  
rangements. Mr. Morton had been a  
successful farmer, and was well  
known and a highly respected citizen.  
He made the race for the Republican  
nomination for Jailer in this county  
about twenty years ago, and came  
within a few votes of winning the  
nomination. He was a brother of  
the Rev. Thomas Morton, a merchant  
of Oaks, in the northern part of the  
county. Mr. Morton had long been  
a member of the Baptist church and  
was prominent in its councils. Be-  
cause of his unusual height, nearly  
seven feet, the Fordsville undertak-  
ers, Fuqua & Walker, anticipating  
his death and not having in stock a  
casket of suitable size, made a spe-  
cial order for one before his death.

### DR. RILEY PROMOTED.

Information has just been received  
here that Dr. A. B. Riley, who re-  
cently entered the military service as  
a Lieutenant in the Medical Corps,  
at Indianapolis, Indiana, and was later  
transferred to Camp Taylor, has been  
promoted to the rank of Cap-  
tain. This promotion, coming so  
soon after his entry into the military  
service, is a splendid testimonial to  
the Captain's ability and devotion to  
duty, and will be pleasing news to  
his numerous friends in Ohio coun-  
ty. We are always pleased to learn  
that our home dogs are running in  
the lead.

### LODGE NOTES.

Hartford Lodge No. 675, F. & A.  
M., held an important and interesting  
session on last Monday night. Much  
business was transacted and three  
candidates were given the Third or  
Master's degree. Hartford Lodge  
No. 675, is doing quite a lot of work  
and is doing it in fine style.

A special meeting will be held this  
evening for the purpose of confer-  
ring the E. P. degree.

The annual election of officers will  
be held next Thursday at one o'clock  
p. m.

Rough River Lodge No. 110, held  
a good convention on last Tuesday  
night. Routine business only, was  
dispatched, but the session was in-  
teresting in many ways, quite a few  
of the older heads were welcome par-  
ticipants in the business of the even-  
ing.

Keystone Chapter No. 110, was in  
regular convocation on Wednesday  
night. While the attendance was  
small, yet a good meeting was had.  
Two candidates were promoted to  
the degree of Mark Master. Key-  
stone Chapter will hold a special con-  
vocation at an early date for the pur-  
pose of conferring the M. M. degree  
on the candidates.

### MARKS.

... hogs, 165 pounds and up \$16.  
25; 120 to 165 pounds, \$15.30; pigs,  
\$13.35 to \$14.35; roughs \$14.65  
down. Market steady.

Cattle, on the whole, were in good  
demand; top for prime export steers,  
\$12.00 to \$13.50; heavy shipping, \$10  
to \$12.00; light \$8.00 to \$10.00; fat  
cows, \$7.50 to \$9.00; fat heifers, \$6.00  
to \$8.00; bulls \$6.00 to \$8.50; stockers,  
\$5.00 to \$7.75; feeders, \$6.00 to \$7.75.

Calves, veals, best 12 to 12 1/2 cents.  
Sheep and lambs—best lambs 16  
to 18 1/2 cents; seconds, 12 to 12 1/2  
cents; Sheep, best grade, \$8.50 to  
9.00; bucks, \$7.00 down.

### POULTRY.

Hens, 13c; young chickens, 13c  
to 14c; turkeys, 23c to 24c; old roosters,  
12c; ducks, 18c.  
Rabbits, per dozen, \$1.50 to \$1.75.  
Eggs, case count, 44c.

### MARRIAGE LICENSE.

Noelle Westerfield 22, Hartford R.  
7, to Mattie Parks, 21, Hartford,  
R. 3.  
Smith Cates, 27, Rockport, to Jes-  
sie Bratcher, 19, Rockport.  
Archie C. Miller, 27, Beaver Dam,  
to Ollie Ranney, 24, Beaver Dam.  
Arthur Haven, 22, Cromwell, to  
Rhoda Ann Leach, 23, Rosine.  
Bennie Long, 19, Rosine, to Pearl  
Stewart, 17, Rosine.  
James A. Sandefur, 26, Beaver  
Dam, to Beulah C. Leach, 17, Beaver  
Dam.  
Eppert Whittaker, 21, Bells Run,  
to Lizzie R. Wells, 17, Bells Run.  
Sharkie Basham, 19, Van Zant,  
Mabel Byers, 13, Fordsville.

## ROBERT L. BARNES IS MADE MAJOR IN ARMY

RESIGNS AS CHIEF OF FEDERAL  
DISTRICT BUREAU OF IN-  
VESTIGATIONS.

Robert L. Barnes, for four years  
chief of the Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice, San Antonio  
district, has resigned that position  
and has been commissioned a major  
in the regular army. He has been de-  
tailed to duty as chief intelligence  
officer, Southern Department head-  
quarters, remaining in San Antonio.  
Charles E. Breniman, for a number  
of years connected with the Bureau  
of Investigation, will succeed Mr.  
Barnes as chief. The change will  
be effective Saturday, November 10.

Major Barnes in turn will succeed  
Col. Monroe McFarland, who is  
made chief of staff, Southern De-  
partment. Colonel McFarland had  
been acting chief of staff since the  
promotion and transfer from the de-  
partment of Col. Malvern-Hill Bar-  
num. Colonel Barnum was promoted  
to the rank of brigadier general, and  
assigned to duty with the Eighty-  
sixth division, national army.

Major Barnes has served the Bu-  
reau of Investigation since February  
12, 1912, when he first came to San  
Antonio. In December, 1913, he was  
made chief of the bureau and has  
held the position since. Prior to com-  
ing here he was with the Interstate  
Commerce Commission, at Washing-  
ton. He has had actual army expe-  
rience, having served two years and  
ten months with the army in the Phil-  
ippines. He was a sergeant in Com-  
pany B, 27th infantry, serving in the  
islands from March, 1901, to January,  
1904.

His work in the department as  
chief intelligence officer will be in  
line with that he has been called up-  
on to perform while in the Bureau  
of Investigation.

Mr. Breniman has been with the  
Bureau of Investigation since 1912.  
Prior to coming to San Antonio he  
was in charge of the Houston office,  
which is in this district. He was one  
of the men who worked up the  
"Farmers and Laborers" cases at Ab-  
ilene.—San Antonio (Texas) Express.

Major Barnes is an Ohio county  
boy, being the eldest son of Mr. and  
Mrs. Weaver H. Barnes, of High  
View. His many friends here will  
be pleased to learn of his promotion  
and advancement.

### METHODIST ORPHANS HOME.

To the friends and those interest-  
ed in the Methodist Orphans Home:

In our interest and enthusiasm for  
our soldiers, let's not forget our little  
folks. A special service has been ar-  
ranged for the church next Sunday  
evening by the Epworth League and  
they are asking you and every other  
friend of the children to make some  
contribution to the home. So please  
have your contributions ready by Sat-  
urday morning, when a committee  
of Leaguers will call on you for it.

You can contribute in any amount  
and of anything that can be used in  
a well regulated home. Canned  
goods, potatoes, beans, sugar, coffee,  
molasses, meat or meal, or any other  
thing of value. When it is all in it  
will be expressed to the home.

You will be interested to know that  
there are three children from Ohio  
county in the home.

McDOWELL FOGLE, Pres.  
A. D. LITCHFIELD, P. C.

### POOLING HOUSES OPEN.

The pooling houses at Hartford,  
Narrows, and Fordsville opened for  
receiving tobacco yesterday, and a  
good stripping season now would re-  
sult in a rush of tobacco to market.

The pool was sold to Gorman &  
Company, and S. B. Lee will receive  
the tobacco for the company at Nar-  
rows and Fordsville, and S. T. Burns  
& Son will do the receiving at the  
Hartford house. O. R. Tinsley was  
selected as grader at Hartford, Guy-  
man Westerfield at Narrows and  
James Weathers at Fordsville.

### LAST CHILD DIES.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Word, of Lafay-  
ette, Ind., brought the remains of  
their child here for burial last Fri-  
day. This is the third and last  
child of these parents to die of scar-  
let fever within the past four years.  
Mrs. Word is the daughter of Mr. L.  
D. Bennett, of near Beda.